

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to the use of lead-free sliding layers in the laminated composite materials for slide bearings or bushes. According to the invention, the laminated composite material comprises a support layer, an antifriction layer (3) produced from a copper alloy or an aluminum alloy, an intermediate nickel layer (2) having a thickness >4  $\mu$ m and a sliding layer (1) consisting of approximately 0 to 20 % by weight of copper and/or silver and the remainder tin. The sliding layer is electrodeposited from a methlysulfonic acid electrolyte.